Remarks

The Office Action mailed March 16, 2005, and made final, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing Amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 29 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 6-8, and 29 are allowed. Claims 4 and 5 are objected to. Claims 3 and 9-28 have been canceled..

The objections to Claims 4 and 5 are respectfully traversed. Claim 4 has been amended to address the issues noted in the Office Action. Specifically, Claim 4 has been amended to depend from Claim 1. For the reasons set forth above, Applicants request that the objection to Claims 4 and 5 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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